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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7, 10-25 and 27-45 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 17 and 37 are amended, and claims 44-45 are added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 10-13, 17-19 and 35-36 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7, 14, 20-24 and 27-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,781,553 to Choi et al. (hereinafter “Choi”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,148 to Bilgic et al. (hereinafter “Bilgic”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite similar features in a varying scope to the allowable features recited in allowed independent claim 10, and independent claim 27 has been amended to recite similar features in a varying scope to the allowable features recited in allowed independent claim 35. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 27 are allowable over Choi and Bilgic, either alone or in combination, and thus the rejection of independent claims 1 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Choi and Bilgic should be withdrawn.

Rejected dependent claims 2-4, 7, 14, 10-14, and 28-34, as well as newly added claims 44-45, are

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allowable at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 1 and 27, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejects claims 15-16, 25 and 37-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Choi and Bilgic in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,781,593 to Petch et al. (hereinafter “Petch”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 37 has been amended to recite similar features in varying scope to the allowable features included in allowed independent claim 10. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 37 is allowable over Choi, Bilgic, and Petch, either alone or in combination, and thus the rejection of independent claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Choi, Bilgic, and Petch should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 15-16, 25 and 38-43 are allowable at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 1 and 37, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

CONCLUSION

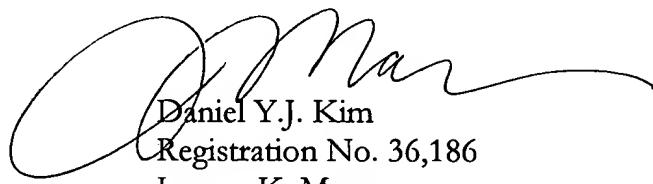
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, **JOANNA K. MASON**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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